

### SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENT

This Amendment cancels Claim 17. No new matter would be introduced by entry of these amendments.

Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-16 will be pending in the application. Claim 1 is independent.

### REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, in light of the remarks that follow.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that pending Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-16 are allowed. Office Action at page 3, line 2.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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